

OUR DUTY TO CUBA.

The peace of Cuba is necessary to the peace of the United States; the health of Cuba is necessary to the health of the United States; the independence of Cuba is necessary to the safety of the United States. The same considerations which led to the war with Spain now require that a commercial arrangement be made under which Cuba can live.—Secretary Root's Report.

I most earnestly ask your attention to the wisdom, indeed, to the vital need, of providing for a substantial reduction in the tariff duties on Cuban imports into the United States. Cuba has in her Constitution affirmed what we desired, that she should stand, in international matters, in closer and more friendly relations with us than with any other power; and we are bound by every consideration of honor and expediency to pass commercial measures in the interest of her material well-being.—President Roosevelt's Message.

TEETH IN WARFARE.

England's Experience in South Africa Shows Need of Dentistry.

After 21 months' fighting four dental surgeons have been sent to South Africa to attend to the teeth of the army. Thus does the war office put forth stupendous efforts to atone for past inaptitude, says the London Pall Mall Gazette.

In an army of a quarter of a million men these four surgeons should be kept tolerably busy. No soldier who has campaigned six months in Africa will, if he be wise, neglect a chance of having his teeth examined. Each surgeon, therefore, will have a clientele of 62,500 officers and men. Assuming that on every day of the week, including Sunday, 30 men are treated by each dentist, the teeth of the army will have been overhauled and the work of filing, excavating and filling completed in something over 69 months. It should console a man on active service suffering to-day from toothache in a precious molar, which he can ill afford to lose, to know that he will not be troubled with the agonizing pain later than April, 1907.

In the unequal struggle between trek and biscuit on the one hand and mere human teeth on the other, not five per cent. of the men of my company came through scatheless. In many cases the damage was slight; in others, where the teeth were naturally weak and brittle, the mischief done was irreparable. Even with an average set, straining on an average biscuit, you never felt quite certain which would be the first to go—your teeth or your biscuit.

FROM SASKATCHEWAN, WESTERN CANADA.

In a letter written from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, one of the districts of Western Canada, by Henry Laughlin to Dr. C. T. Field, of Chase, Michigan, and which appeared in the Reed City (Michigan) "Clarion," appeared the following:

"If any one should ask you how I like it up here, tell them I am perfectly well satisfied; for me it is just the place. I have as good a piece of land as ever laid out doors. Wouldn't exchange it for the whole of Lake county, or at least the township of Chase.

"Of course I have not been here very long, but as much of the country as I have seen, it cannot be beat anywhere. We had as good crops here last fall as I ever saw, and everything gets ripe in good shape. We had as good ripe potatoes as I ever ate in my life. There is no better place for stock on the continent than here. Horses and cattle will do as good running out all winter here, as they do where they are fed all winter there. Have built me a residence and now all I want is a wife to keep house for me. I have some breaking already done on my place, but next summer I intend to have more done and then I will be ready for business.

"We have had a very fine winter so far. It has not been much below zero, if any, except about a week in the middle of November. It has been quite cold the past day or two. We are in log shanties, and they are just muddled up on the outside, and nothing has frozen on the inside as yet. There is no wind or rain, just nice steady weather all the time."

Apply to any agent of the Canadian Government.

Historic Plot Is Sold.

A plot of land in Fourteenth street, New York city, adjoining on the east the site on which stands the Fourteenth street Presbyterian church, has just been sold by J. Edgar Learycraft & Co. for Rutherford Stuyvesant to Mandelbaum & Lewine. This plot was owned in 1648 by Peter Stuyvesant, who about that time was governor in chief of Amsterdam, in New Netherlands, now called New York, and for many years it was part of his famous Great Bouwerie farm. The property has been in the possession of his descendants ever since he bequeathed it to them until the recent sale, when it passed out of the possession of the Stuyvesant family. Near the site Gov. Stuyvesant planted a pear tree which he brought from Holland in 1647. The tree was cut down in 1867.

SALZER'S LIGHTNING CABBAGE.

This is the earliest cabbage in the world and a regular gold mine to the market gardener and farmer.

By the way, there is lots of money to be made on early cabbage, beets, peas, radishes, cucumbers and the like. For 16c. and this notice the John A. Salzer Seed Co., LaCrosse, Wis., will send you their mammoth catalogue and 150 kinds of flower and vegetable seeds. Market gardeners' catalogue, 5c. postage.

THE LOVE OF HUMBUG.

Philosophical Remarks on a Curious Trait of Human Nature and an Odd Character.

The late Gen. Neff seems to have discovered early in life that the love of humbug is innate in the race. By listening to two children when they think they are alone anyone may make the discovery which finally brought disaster to Gen. Neff. "But," the younger child will say, "It's not that way." "Never mind," the older one will reply, "we'll play it's that way." Then for the next hour they will be happy in an enchanted world of their own, playing that things which are not that way are exactly the way they want them. In one way or another they are likely to go on doing this all their lives—perhaps at rarer and rarer intervals after they are 40, but even then occasionally. When they grow too tired to play for themselves through the use of their own imaginations, they will expend from 25 cents to \$2 in buying a work of fiction in which some ingenious person uses his imagination to do their playing for them, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Gen. Neff was an ingenious person with an active imagination, which he put at the service of anyone who showed the least inclination to play that things which are not so will turn out the way we want them. He was a tall, dignified man, with a benevolent countenance, gray hair, a silk hat and a kind smile. He also had a great fund of politeness and a mildly deprecating manner, which he reserved for emergencies. He was passing through one of these emergencies the last time he visited St. Louis. It was, in fact, not only an emergency, but a crisis, for, in spite of his benevolence, his kind smile and his silk hat, he was being searched in front of the bar of the police station, under the direction of a sergeant, on whom he was exhausting the resources of his politeness and his deprecating manner. He was just assuring everyone of how much the mistake made in treating him with such indignity would finally be regretted, when from a private pocket somewhere on the inside of his frock coat the officer extracted what seemed to be a large roll of money. "That," said the officer, "is his bundle."

When Gen. Neff, who used only the choicest English, heard this coarse expression, he was shocked into silence. He said nothing as the sergeant unrolled the bills and showed that the whole interior of what appeared to be a competence was composed of brown paper. "Take him down," said the sergeant. "Good-night, gentlemen!" said Gen. Neff.

On looking into Gen. Neff's private history, I found that he had spent his life—or at least the professional part of it—in convincing other people, many of them entire strangers to him, that he had been sent by Providence to reward their merits by making all the things they had been playing turn out to be so in an incredibly short time. He appeared to them as the enchanter or the good genius appeared in the fairy tales of their youth. In half an hour after his first meeting with a farmer who had come to the city to economize in buying his supplies he would show him a way to raise his mortgage and have enough left in the bank to build a modern house in place of the old farmhouse. Many other things of this kind he could do—so many that he came to be known as the most "expert confidence man" of his generation, a man of many names and many cities, but always with a benevolent countenance and a kind smile which never left him even when he was being locked up.

Gen. Neff kept his mental reservations wrapped up inside the genuine bills along with the brown paper they concealed and so ended by becoming a confidence man instead of a really benevolent enchanter. If a man is really benevolent and really an enchanter, he may be of great use in the world, but the most benevolent man I ever knew stopped the attempt at enchantment very early in life. He also had gray hair and a kind smile, but if I had gone to him in the hope that he would advise me in the way I wished to be advised, I knew he would have told me "to do the thing I never liked, which is the thing I ought." Outside of the beautiful world of the enchanted humbug, there is another world in which he lived for more than half a century. Perhaps it took him 30 years in it to learn the kind of smile he had during the 20 years I knew him best, but however he got it, or however long it took him to learn it, he learned it by finding first, not what was pleasant, but what was true—not what he liked, but what he ought. When things were not right he did what he could to set them right, instead of dreaming they would come right, but I think he spent most of his life in setting himself right, and that he acquired his kind smile in doing it. And so he had "peace at last."

Love Laughs at Dogs, Also.

The Damsel—Oh, Harold! I've been so frightened for you. Papa has bought a great big savage bulldog, and—

The Swain—That's all right, darling. I've bought a dog, too. He will endeavor to keep your father's dog busy while you and I saunter down to the parsonage.—Judge.

He Tumbled.

"Ha! ha!" laughed Willie. "I chuckled a bananaer skin in front of de teacher."

"I don't see any joke in that," spoke up his mother.

"Don't you? Well, he tumbled all right, all right."—Philadelphia Record.

DICTATES OF FASHION.

The camelia is the favorite flower for hats in Paris, not only in white but in colors as well. Pink and white camellias with a knot of black velvet decorate one hat, and again you see a bunch of bright red ones with glossy green leaves on a sable hat.

A handsome gown in black and silver showed bands of maltese lace on fine net, with deep lace flounces in black chantilly lace, sprinkled with the tiniest silver sequins. A touch of Indian gold thread embroidery at neck and sleeves gave a finishing touch.

Gun-metal panne attracts considerable attention in the gay world. It seems destined for ceremonial uses. An opera cloak, a visiting dress or a simple piece of millinery are "built" of the beautiful glossy fabric. The darkest shade of gun metal is even handsomer than the paler tint.

Handsome buttons are the rage this season, and at their best they are really articles of virtu, hand-painted and enameled. Semi-precious stones are very much worn in this form, as well as in every other, and there are turquoise and topaz buttons, buttons of coral, amethyst and amber used on tailor-made gowns.

Very effective for a headress for evening are two peacock's feathers made entirely of sequins in colors, reproducing the effect of the feathers with remarkable accuracy. The two feathers are carried straight up from two small knots of black velvet, which finish a band of the same material, which is to be carried around the coil of hair.

Tight-fitting skirts have provoked rivalry in petticoat makers, who are vying with one another to produce the petticoat which shall occupy the least space. One of the most recent has light-weight jersey cloth for a top, the elastic fabric fitting like a glove to the figure. Silk ruffles finish these skirts to a depth of 12 or 14 inches.

Black silk is now much worn, and though rather old-looking and not becoming to everyone, is undeniably serviceable and useful. A typical black silk gown is made with perpendicular tucks on the whole of the bodice and skirt, ending about the knee line on the latter, the fullness spreading into a deep flounce. The sleeves are also tucked throughout their entire length, and, like the skirt, end in a frill.

LITERARY LITER.

The first volume has appeared of the "Corpus nummorum italicorum," issued by King Victor Emanuel. It contains descriptions of 4,000 coins.

James N. Lann, of Middletown, N. Y., a preacher, doctor and author, is 99 years of age, and has been married 13 years. His first marriage occurred at Milford, Pa., in 1830.

It is ten years since George Bancroft died. Meanwhile the securities belonging to his estate, which is now about to be divided, have increased in value from \$550,000 to \$650,000.

About 30,000 copies of the new cheap edition of Darwin's "Origin of Species," issued recently by a London firm, have already been sold. This shows the interest which the book still excites.

Col. Thomas Wentworth Higginson, of Cambridge, Mass., was 78 years old on December 22. He is in excellent health and is now engaged upon a new edition of the life of Longfellow, the feature of the work being the poet's early life.

The identity of "Linesman," whose book on the Boer war has attracted more attention than any other war book of the year, has been known to a few people for some time. He is Capt. Maurice Grant, and one of his earliest admirers was Lord Roberts himself.

MARKET REPORT.

Cincinnati, Jan. 29.		
CATTLE—Common	2 85	@ 4 15
Choice steers	5 75	@ 6 25
CALVES—Extra		@ 6 50
HOGS—Select ship's		@ 6 40
Mixed packers	5 90	@ 6 20
SHEEP—Extra	3 85	@ 4 00
LAMBS—Extra		@ 5 85
FLOUR—Spring pat.	4 10	@ 4 25
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 90
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 62
OATS—No. 2 mixed.		@ 47
RYE—No. 2		@ 66
HAY—Ch. timothy		@ 13 00
PORK—Family		@ 16 50
LARD—Steam		@ 9 15
BUTTER—Ch. dairy	14	@ 15
Choice creamery		@ 26 1/2
APPLES—Choice	4 50	@ 5 00
POTATOES	2 50	@ 2 60
Sweet potatoes	2 75	@ 3 00
TOBACCO—New	3 40	@ 12 75
Old	5 60	@ 13 50

Chicago.		
FLOUR—Win. patent	3 80	@ 4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	83 1/2	@ 84 1/2
No. 3 spring	73 1/2	@ 73 3/4
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 65
OATS—No. 2 mixed	43 1/2	@ 44 1/2
RYE—No. 2	61	@ 61 1/2
PORK—Mess	15 75	@ 15 80
LARD—Steam	9 20	@ 9 32 1/2

New York.		
FLOUR—Win. patent	3 75	@ 4 10
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 88
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 67 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	47 1/2	@ 48
RYE—Western		@ 67
PORK—Family		@ 17 25
LARD—Steam		@ 9 70

Baltimore.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	84 1/2	@ 84 1/2
Southern	82 1/2	@ 85 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	65	@ 65 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.		@ 48
CATTLE—Butchers	4 50	@ 5 65
HOGS—Western	6 60	@ 6 80

Louisville.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	88	@ 90
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 68
OATS—No. 2 mixed.		@ 49
PORK—Mess		@ 16 00
LARD—Steam		@ 9 75

Indianapolis.		
WHEAT—No. 2 red.		@ 88
CORN—No. 2 mixed.		@ 63 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	47 1/2	@ 48 1/2

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The Four Track News.

There is much of education and enlightenment in the dainty little monthly magazine, "The Four-Track News," which comes to us from the editorial workshops of the passenger department of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company. Its pages are filled with interesting matter regarding travel, our expanding commerce, and the development of our transportation facilities. The January number is devoted largely to California, the idea of the editor being to give special attention each month to that portion of the world to which people are at the time traveling. The leading article on this subject is "The Land of the Sunset Sea," written by Luther L. Holden. Other interesting features are "Egypt Then and Now," by George Eade; "The Romance of Reality," by Jane W. Gutrie; a sketch of Hudson, New York, by H. R. Bryan, and much that is entertaining in verse and well-edited departments. There are also valuable contributions on the cultivation of prunes, olives, grain and sugar beets. 50 cents per year, 5 cents per copy. Business communications should be addressed to George H. Daniels, General Passenger Agent, Grand Central station, New York city.

The Birds.

Miss Trill—I love to hear the birds sing. Jack Downright (warmly)—So do I. They never attempt a piece beyond their ability.—Tit-Bits.

No one seems to have too much sense to undertake that uncomfortable feeling that a friend is "mad" when the friend is too busy, or bothered, to smile and chatter like a monkey.—Atchison Globe.

Lady Visitor—"And was your husband good and kind to you during your long illness?" Parishioner—"Oh! yes, miss, 'e just was kind; 'e was more like a friend than a 'usband."—London Tatler.



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of decrepitude. His family Bible is still preserved, and it shows that the date of his birth was written 114 years ago.

Surely a few words from this remarkable old gentleman, who has had 114 years of experience to draw from, would be interesting as well as profitable. A lengthy biographical sketch is given of this remarkable old man in the Waco Times-Herald, December 4, 1898. A still more pretentious biography of this, the oldest living man, illustrated with a double column portrait, was given the readers of the Dallas Morning News, dated December 11, 1898, and also the Chicago Times-Herald of same date. This centenarian is an ardent friend of Peru, having used it many years.

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"I had always supposed these affections to be different diseases. For the last ten or fifteen years I have been reading Dr. Hartman's writings. I have learned much from his books, one thing in particular: that these affections are the same and that they are properly called catarrh.

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Pe-ru-na, I have found it to be the best, if not the only, reliable remedy for these affections. It has been my standby for many years, and I attribute my good health and extreme old age to this remedy.

"It exactly meets all my requirements. It protects me from the evil effects of sudden changes; it keeps me in good appetite; it gives me strength; it keeps my blood in good circulation. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine.

"I believe it to be valuable to old people, although I have no doubt it is just as good for the young. I should be glad if my sincere testimony should become the means of others using this remedy, because I believe it to be the greatest remedy of this age for catarrhal diseases.

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